Attachment of property under the Direct Taxation Act

813. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to extend the scheme of attaching property under Direct Taxation Act to major cities in the country as reported in 'Vyapar' of Bombay; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether appropriate authorities will be set up separately in each city and whether a separate fund has been created by Government and allocated to Central Board of Direct Taxes for this purpose; and

(c) whether there is a provision for appeal to High Courts against the decision of appropriate authorities; if so, whether such appeals are pending in various cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. Further extension of the provision of Chapter XXC of the Income-tax Act is under consideration of the Government.

(b) The question whether appropriate authority will be set up separately in each city (to which the provisions may be extended) is under the consideration of the Government.

There is no separate fund as such; however, the expenditure on acquisition of immovable properties under Chapter XXC of the Income-tax Act has been provided under Demand No. 35, Direct Taxes for 1988-89.

(c) No, Sir. However, some writ petitions have been filed in the various High Courts by the affected parties.

Increase in the incidents of rape in Delhi

814. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in more than half of the registered cases of rape in Delhi during the last three years the victims were minors;

(b) whether the police has undertaken a study to find out the causes and the steps to prevent such crimes; and

(c) what is the reason for the increase in rape incidents in Delhi and whether prosecutions are launched against the offenders expeditiously and if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such study has been undertaken by the Delhi Police. To prevent such crimes, the relevant laws have been made more stringent and police vigilance has been increased.

(c) Prosecution are launched expeditiously. In the case of 1985, 10 persons have been convicted and in cases of 1986, 2 persons have been convicted.

815. [*Transferred to the 13th May, 1988*].

Redesigning and Restructuring of Central Excise and Customs Department

816. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration regarding redesigning and restructuring of the Central Excise and Customs Department; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) There is a proposal for restructuring of the Customs and Central Excise Departments. The proposal and the details thereof are being examined in consultation with the concerned Departments. No final view on restructuring has been taken.

Smuggling of gold by a Diplomat

817. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 12th April, 1988 under the caption 'Indian diplomat held with gold' at Indira Gandhi International Airport;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the number of such diplomats caught so far in 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The examination of the baggage of an Indian diplomat named Shri Gurcharan Shah Singh, who was working as an Attachee in the High Commission of India at Hongkong since 1985 and who had arrived at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi from Hongkong on 9th April, 1988 resulted in the recovery of 20 foreign marked gold biscuits collectively weighing 2332 grammes worth Rs. 7,34,000 approximately and Indian currency of 985. The gold and currency were seized and the diplomat was arrested.

(c) Only one such diplomat has been caught so far in 1988.

भगा ले जाने/अपहरण के मामले

818. श्री संतोष बागड़ोदिया : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान प्रत्येक संघ राज्य क्षेत्र से फिरौती के लिए भगा ले जाने/अपहरण के कितने मामलों का समाचार मिला है इनमें भगाकर ले जाये गये/अपहृत बच्चों, पुरूषों, तथा महिलाओं की क्रमश: संख्या कितनी-कितनी है;

(ख) किस संघ राज्य क्षेत्र में इस प्रकार की सर्वाधिक घटनायें हुई हैं; और

(ग) कितने मामलों को पुलिस विभाग ने हल कर लिया तथा अपराधियों के खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी चिदम्बरम्) : (क) संघ शासित क्षेत्र दिल्ली में फिरौती के लिए बच्चों के अपहरण के 1986 के दौरान तीन और 1987 के दौरान 9 मामले हुए हैं। 1987 में संघ शासित क्षेत्र गोवा दमन तथा दीव में ऐसे दो मामले हुए हैं। 1986 तथा 1987 के दौरान अन्य संघ शासित क्षेत्रों में ऐसे कोई मामले सूचित नहीं किए गए।

(ख) दिल्ली।

(ग) दिल्ली में 12 मामलों को हल कर लिया गया है। दिल्ली में गिरफ्तार किए गए 22 व्यक्तियों में से दोषसिद्ध किये जा चुके हैं।

सदर बाजार क्षेत्र में यातायात

819. श्री संतोष बागड़ोदिया : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि यातायात की दृष्टि से पुरानी दिल्ली के सदर बाजार क्षेत्र की स्थिति बहुत खराब है;